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Beware of fake site documents

Man cheated of Rs. 54 lakh on 'sale' of MUDA site !

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (RK&DM)- Even as Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has been warning citizens to double check the authenticity of documents before buying any landed properties, a 47-year-old person of the city has lodged a complaint with the Vijayanagar Police accusing some persons of cheating him Rs. 54 lakh by producing fake documents of a MUDA site that did not exist.

K.P. Sunil Kumar, son of K.C. Puttasiddashetty, a native of K.R. Nagar town and a resident of 11th Main, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, in a complaint lodged with the Vijayanagar Police on Dec. 19, 2020, said that he and his wife C.M. Jyothi stayed in the rented house and planned to purchase a site in June this year, following which he asked one Shivakumar, who was known to him, to look for a suitable site in Vijayanagar for purchase.

Lodges complaint with Vijayanagar Police against 9 persons and a Co-operative Bank Manager

Subsequently, Shivakumar introduced one person by name Anand, who said that a 60'x40' site (Site No. 461) in Vijayanagar 4th Stage, Third Phase, was up for sale. Later Anand came along with his associates Manjunath and Puneeth and submitted Xerox copies of the said site (No. 461), when Anand said that the site belonged to one Ramalingegowda and he (Ramalingegowda) had pledged the original documents of the site with the City Co-operative Bank for obtaining a loan of Rs. 40 lakh.

Thereafter, Sunil Kumar visited the City Co-operative Bank to get confirmation regarding the pledging of documents, when the Bank Manager confirmed that the site documents had been pledged with the Bank as security for Rs. 40 lakh loan extended by the Bank to Ramalingegowda.

After getting confirmation from the Bank Manager, Sunil Kumar agreed to purchase the site for Rs. 54 lakh and entered into an agreement for the same on May 29, 2020. Later he gave two cheques for Rs. 3.5 lakh and Rs. 1.5 lakh to Ramalingegowda as advance after obtaining the documents from him.

Subsequently, Sunil Kumar sought a Rs. 20 lakh loan from Navanagar Urban Co-operative Bank at Hootagalli upon presenting the documents pertaining to site No. 461.

After succeeding in getting the loan, Sunil Kumar asked Ramalingegowda to get the site registered in his (Sunil Kumar) name, to which he (Ramalingegowda) agreed.

On June 19, Sunil Kumar, his wife Jyothi, Shivakumar, Anand, site owner Ramalingegowda and his 'wife' Nagamma visited Mysuru South Sub-Registrar's Office, when he paid Rs. 41,96,817 through RTGS from his account in Navanagar Urban Co-operative Bank and presented a cheque for Rs. 7,03,183 to Ramalingegowda.

Subsequently, Ramalingegowda got site No. 461 registered at the Sub-Registrar's Office in the name of Sunil Kumar and Jyothi, with Ramalingegowda's 'wife' Nagamma as witness. With the sale process completed after Sunil Kumar had paid Rs. 54 lakh in total for Site No. 461 at Vijayanagar 4th Stage, Third Phase, Sunil Kumar went to MUDA Office to seek Khata Transfer.

(See SITE on page 3)

Tourists head towards Kodagu for year end holiday

Heavy rush at Dubare, Nisargadhama

Hotels, resorts report full occupancy

Kushalnagar, Dec. 26 (Akshay &BCT)- Craving for a break and a year-end trip, several tourists from Mysuru and Bengaluru are heading towards Kodagu to celebrate Christmas and New Year.

Hotels and resorts have reported full occupancy while tourist destinations are seeing heavy footfalls — the first after the emergence of COVID-19 in March this year.

Even the State Government has relaxed rules that it imposed fearing a second wave of virus infections. Kodagu District Administration had imposed ban on DJ nights and had clamped restrictions on tourists four days back but later withdrew, advising tourists to follow COVID norms while enjoying the year-end.

Christmas fell on a Friday and New Year's Day (2021) too falls on Friday this year, making for extended weekends. The hospitality industry in Kodagu, which took a massive hit due to the nationwide lockdown and curbs thereafter, is now reporting full occupancy at home stays, lodges, resorts and guest houses.

(See TOURISTS on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 26th December 2020

Muslim Co-operative Bank holds virtual AGM

*FROM LEFT: **In-charge General Manager Raffath Zareen, Bank President Dr. Abdul Ravoof and Vice-President Ahmed Saleem Ahmed during the 105th AGM of the Bank, which was held recently.***

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (KS) - The 105th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd., New Sayyaji Rao Road was held virtually recently.

The meeting began with recitation of verses from the Holy Quran by Hazrath Moulana Mohamed Zaka Ulla Siddiqi, President, All India Milli Council, Mysuru District Unit. Mohamed Khaleel Ulla Shariff, In-charge Manager of Main Branch of the Bank presented the proceedings of the 104th AGM.

Later, Bank President Dr. Abdul Ravoof presented the Directors Report for the year 2019-20 along with Audited Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Account and Audit Report for the year 2019-20.

Many share-holders, who took part in the AGM online, gave some valuable suggestions for the safety and overall development of the Bank.

Dr. Abdul Ravoof, President, presided. Ahmed Saleem Ahmed, Vice-President, welcomed. Bank Director Rahmath Ulla Shariff proposed a vote of thanks. In-charge General Manager Raffath Zareen and other Directors of the Bank were also present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The year 2020 has been the "Year of Science", when the best of humanity has shone through the gloom that descended upon us due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is a matter of record that as the spread of the disease accelerated, so did research efforts to mitigate this. Major global collaborations were set up so that scientists could share their expertise, and plans were implemented to speed up clinical trials so that treatments, vaccines, and diagnostics could take place quickly, without compromising safety. For all this work, governments, businesses, and philanthropic organisations got together and started committing resources. Both science, and the deepening of international collaboration, has been remarkable features of the year.

The biggest success of this pandemic has been teamwork and science community putting the right outcome ahead of individual rewards. With all its devastation, 2020 has been a great scientific success story. Recognition of scientists as first responders to grave humanitarian threats is really important. At the same time, ensuring all low and middle-income countries have access to safe and effective COVID-19 tests, treatments and vaccines is the outstanding challenge. To the scientists who gave everything to vaccines, tests and treatments this year, a big shout out and a bigger thank you.

— Dr. Harsh Vardhan in Hindustan Times

NEWS SPARKLERS

Face mask that promises to give non-invasive facelift

Tokyo: A Japanese company has claimed that its' face mask can deliver non-invasive face lift, so you don't have to go under the knife.

Japanese company Ya-man claims that its MedLift silicone mask can keep one looking young by sending electrical signals to muscles in order to stimulate them. The ninja-like face mask comes with two electronic controllers which allow users to turn electric stimulation on and off, as well as select various modes and levels of intensity. Facial muscle firmness decreases with age, but by providing electrical stimulation MedLift promises to keep them nice and firm, delivering similar results to a successful facelift, minus the invasive surgery.

Unfixed puddle's Instagram account has 16,000 followers

Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk: A giant puddle in Russia's Far East city of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk is being described as "invincible" after it somehow survived unfixed for over a quarter of a century. It now has its own Instagram page and over 16,000 followers.

As it often happens in Russia and other eastern European countries, what started out as a small pothole gradually grew to become a giant puddle. It attained that rank in 1994 and locals have been trying to get local authorities to fix it ever since. So far it has proven a futile endeavor, as scheduled repairs have been postponed repeatedly. In the meantime, a frustrated local known only as Nikolay decided that the 25-year-old pothole was old enough to have its own Instagram page and created one for it in September.

The witty sarcastic posts created in first-person quickly went viral and got the local government to act.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Myth – Olive Oil Is the Best One and Can Be Used Even in Huge Quantity

Fact – Olive oil has a low smoking point and that makes it unsuitable for deep frying. It does not blend well with certain cooking styles. Also, you need to consume it within limits the way you would consume any other oil. Do not go overboard with it.

By Kavya. J - Department of Dietetics & Nutrition

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Mysuru

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	79
Total positive cases	:	52,124
Discharges yesterday	:	32
Total discharges	:	50,577
Deaths yesterday	:	0
Total deaths	:	1,008
Total active cases	:	539

Mandya

Positive cases yesterday	:	24
Total positive cases	:	19,324
Total discharges	:	18,989
Total deaths	:	147
Total active cases	:	188

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	12
Total positive cases	:	6,721
Total discharges	:	6,485
Total deaths	:	119
Total active cases	:	106

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	5
Total positive cases	:	5,661
Total discharges	:	5,508
Total deaths	:	70
Total active cases	:	83

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	43
Total positive cases	:	27,885
Total discharges	:	27,219
Total deaths	:	393
Total active cases	:	273

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

An angry wife to her husband on phone: *Where are you?*
Husband: *Darling you remember that jewellery shop where you saw the diamond necklace and totally fell in love with it & I didn't have money that time & I said baby it'll be yours one day...*
Wife, with a smile & blushing: *Yeah, I remember that my love.*
Husband: *I'm in the barber shop just next to that shop !!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.66
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.75
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.05
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.60

VOICE OF THE READER

No cash transaction at Toll Plazas: A suggestion

Sir,

The Government has planned to eliminate cash transactions completely at Toll Plazas on Highways from Jan.1, 2021. Though it is a welcome move to save time, fuel and air pollution at Toll Plazas, it may lead to chaos if the automatic debit from the vehicle's FASTag account did not happen.

In my recent trip to Tirupathi this year, although there was enough money in my e-wallet that was linked to my car's FASTag, it did not transfer it to my FASTag account, for reasons not known. It forced me to pay in cash at one of the Toll Plazas on NH 75, as it had insufficient balance, which is not my fault.

If cash handling is completely eliminated in the future, it becomes an embarrassment for commuters at Toll Plazas if such a situation repeats, and it may force people to pay a fine of double the charge, as being done now if vehicles enter FASTag lane without a FASTag sticker.

Hence, the Government may think of other options in such cases before implementing the 'No cash handling' rule at Toll Plazas for smooth movement of vehicles and to avoid confrontation with Toll Plaza staff.

—Dr. S.V.N. Vijayendra
Roopanagar
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MCC's videography contest

on mechanised sewerage system

Best video to win Rs.10,000 cash prize

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (SSV)- As part of Manual Scavenging Act, 2013 and Mechanised Cleaning System awareness programme, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is conducting a videography competition on the theme of mechanised sewerage system maintenance.

According to a press release from MCC, the video must focus only on creating awareness on two important themes — Manual Scavenging Act, 2013 and Mechanised Sewerage Management System by keeping in view the MCC. It should create awareness on the importance of MCC Helpline and people's co-operation and lay stress on mechanised cleaning.

The voice, sound and background should be related to subject and must not be loud. To give clarity to subject, interview of officials or staff connected with the subject could be done and incorporate in the video.

Interested may send the glimpse of video to: *mysoreugd@gmail.com* with full name, address, telephone number, working or studying institution or company name before Dec 30. The select video would be given a cash prize of Rs.10,000.

Man cheated of Rs. 54 lakh on 'sale' of MUDA site !

(Continued from page 1)

To his utter shock, Sunil Kumar was told by MUDA officials that one Ramachandra Nayak was the original site allottee. The MUDA had taken back the site after Ramachandra Nayak sought cancellation of the allotment and also there was no site in the name of Ramalingegowda.

The MUDA officials also told him that all the documents produced by Ramalingegowda were fake.

After realising that he had been cheated, Sunil Kumar went to Ramalingegowda's native village Doddekoppalu in K.R. Nagar taluk when he learnt that Ramalingegowda owned no site and Nagamma, who signed as witness at the Sub-Registrar's Office, was not his (Ramalingegowda) wife.

Following this, Sunil Kumar contacted Puneeth, who had introduced Ramalingegowda to him. Puneeth told him that two persons by name Riyaz Khan and Somesh had given the documents to Manjunath and Shashirekha, who in turn gave the documents to him (Puneeth) for disposing off the site, Sunil Kumar said in his Police complaint.

Sunil Kumar in his complaint has named Riyaz Khan, Ramalingegowda, Nagamma, Manjunath, Shashirekha, Somesh, Puneeth, Anand, Shivakumar, the Manager of City Co-operative Bank, Mysuru and some staff of the Bank as accused and sought criminal action against them for cheating him of Rs.54 lakh by producing fake documents for the said MUDA site.

Nehru Yuva Kendra to organise District Youth Parliament on Dec. 28

Mysuru, Dec. 26- Nehru Yuva Kendra in association with National Service Scheme (NSS), University of Mysore, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, has organised District Youth Parliament at Youth Hostel in city on Dec. 28 at 11 am.

Mysuru has been selected as one of the four nodal centres in the State. Chamarajanagar, Mandya, Ramanagar, Bengaluru city and rural, Kolar, Chikkaballapur and Tumakuru districts come under the Mysuru nodal centre.

Youths aged 18 to 25 years of Mysuru district are eligible to participate in the programme in person and from other districts virtually. The programme will be held in Kannada, Hindi and English at District-level and in Hindi and English at National-level. Participating candidates have to speak for maximum of four minutes about a given topic.

Top two winners from district-level will be selected for State level programme. Similarly, top two winners from State-level will be selected for National-level programme.

Top three winners at the National-level programme will get a cash prize of Rs. 2 lakh, Rs. 1.5 lakh and Rs. 1 lakh respectively. For further details and application forms, interested candidates are requested to contact Nehru Yuva Kendra (Ph: 0821-2489858), NSS (Ph: 0821-2419326) or Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (Ph: 0821-2564179).

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NEWS BRIEFS

Free eye camp

On the eve of New Year, Annapoorna Eye Hospital's Hootagalli and Hebbal branches have organised free eye screening camp from Dec. 26 to 31 between 11 am and 7 pm. The first 25 members those who are having cataract can avail free pre-surgery tests and also the iol lens will be provided at a reasonable price. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2953658 or 4262255 or Mob: 88844-88262, according to a press release.

MCC Council Meeting on Dec. 29

The MCC General Council Meeting will be held on Dec. 29 at 11 am at Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar auditorium in MCC premises, according to a press release from the MCC Council Secretary.

VVCE's Global Virtual Alumni Meet

Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) is conducting the first virtual annual global alumni meet on Dec. 27 at 9 am. For details, contact Alumni Committee Co-ordinator Dr. N.S. Linge Gowda on Mob: 98457-90255.

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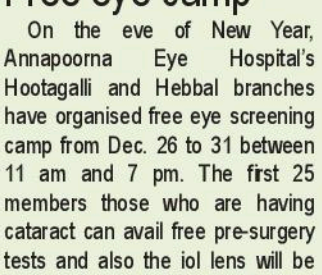


Rajashekar *Ramaprasad*

Theatre artiste Rajashekar Kadamba has been elected as the Working President of Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy and S. Ramaprasad, the Founder President, as the Honorary President of the Academy, according to a press release from Academy General Secretary Prof. N. Girigowda.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	119.34 ft
Yesterday	119.39 ft
Inflow	1,795 cusecs
Outflow	2,347 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,271.16 ft
Inflow	429 cusecs
Outflow	250 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,819.03 ft
Inflow	215 cusecs
Outflow	30 cusecs

MLAs launch development works

Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra performing** Guddali Puja **for a slew of development works in MCC Ward No. 18 (Yadavagiri) on Thursday. Picture right shows MLA S.A. Ramdas performing** Guddali Puja **for asphalting works of Siri Sinchana Apartment Road running parallel to Akkamahadevi Road in Vishweshwaranagar (MCC Ward No. 62) in city on Thursday.

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (RKB&DM)- Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra on Thursday performed *Guddali Puja* (ground-breaking ceremony) for a slew of development works in Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Ward No. 18 (Yadavagiri) totally costing Rs. 51.16 lakh.

Nagendra also inaugurated a drinking water unit beside JnNURM houses at Medar Block costing Rs. 12.96 lakh funded under the MCC's TSP Scheme.

The other works that the MLA launched included development of Mariamma Temple on 3rd Main, Medar Block, costing Rs. 4 lakh, construction of Underground Drainages (UGDs) along Paramahamsa Road at Yadavagiri at a cost of Rs. 21 lakh and along first main road in Manjunathapura at a cost of Rs. 12.20 lakh.

Local Corporator Ravindra, Mariamma Temple Secretary Shanmugham, Aradhana Samiti Members Bhyrappa and Padmashri, Ashraya Samiti Member Mahesh, MCC Zone-4 Development Officer Yoganand, VVWW Engineer Mustafa and other officials were present.

Guddali Puja for road asphalting works

KR MLA S.A. Ramdas on Thursday performed *Guddali Puja* for asphalting works of Siri Sinchana Apartment Road running parallel to Akkamahadevi Road in Vishweshwaranagar (MCC Ward No. 62) in city on Thursday.

Later speaking to press persons, Ramdas said that the asphalting works are being taken up by the MCC at a cost of Rs. 35 lakh.

Pointing out that local residents had complained to him regarding the poor state of the road when he had undertaken 'Yogakshema Yatra' a couple of months ago, he said that asphalting has been taken up now in response to the complaint of residents.

Pointing out that a KR Constituency Citizens Committee, comprising two representatives from each apartment, has been formed, he said that he will act if apartment residents bring the problems faced by them to his notice.

Corporator Shantamma Vadivelu, leaders Murali, Bangari Suresh, Murthy, Rudresh, Nagarathna and others were present.

Yuva Brigade volunteers clean Kapila bathing ghat in Nanjangud

Nanjangud, Dec. 26 (Ravi& SD)- Volunteers of Yuva Brigade cleaned the bathing ghat of Kapila River near Nanjangud Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple recently and collected waste materials tossed callously by devotees.

Over 25 Yuva Brigade volunteers began the cleanliness drive at 6 am and collected large quantities of discarded waste, mostly clothes and other *puja* items from the river bed and surrounding areas near the bathing ghat of Kapila River.

Yuva Brigade Taluk Convenor Sunil informed that, every year, in association with various other organisations, the volunteers have been undertaking this cleanliness drive.

"We collected large amount of garbage from the river bed today. We will continue this cleanliness drive on next Sunday also. We are sensitising the devotees about this issue and requesting them to join hands with us in maintaining the sanctity of the river. Now, we have installed waste collecting bins on the river bank to put clothes and other waste materials," he said.

Yuva Brigade South Zone Convenor Chandrashekar, Girish, Mahantesh, Prajwal, Arjun, Snake Basavaraj and others participated in the cleanliness drive.

Govt. permission must to sell land allotted to SCs, STs: Court

Mysuru, Dec. 26- A Mysuru Court has ruled that prior permission of the State Government is necessary for the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and the Scheduled Tribes (STs) to sell the land allotted by the Government for their livelihood.

P.V. Nagesh, a resident of Chamarajapuram, Mysuru, had filed a case against Venkatachala and his family members contending that he had been cheated over a land deal with Fourth Additional Senior Civil Judge and JMFC Court. After hearing both parties, Judge Sunil S. Hosmani has dismissed the petition filed by Nagesh saying that it was not tenable for lack of evidence.

Advocate S. Arunkumar

Details: The complainant had contended that S. Thimmaiah, father of Venkatachala, was allotted 1.22 acre of land by the Government in Yelwal village of Hunsur taluk. After Thimmaiah's death, the land was registered in the name of Venkatachala and his family members. For financial requirements, Venkatachala had agreed to sell the said land for Rs. 8.99 lakh and signed a deed on Sept. 20, 2005. At that time, Venkatachala had taken an advance amount of Rs. 50,000.

On April 29, 2006, Venkatachala signed another deed and took Rs. 6 lakh. He agreed to sell the land within one month from the day of getting permission from the State Government. However, he did not honour the commitment. The complainant had petitioned to the Court seeking direction to Venkatachala to sell property and had also got stay order in this connection.

Advocates S. Arunkumar and Rashmi Arunkumar of Pragabhi Law Associates and Counsel for Venkatachala, argued that his client belonged to the Scheduled Caste and his father was given a piece of land by the Government. Since the land was allotted under Land Reforms Act, it was mandatory for the beneficiary to obtain the State Government's permission before selling or leasing out land. However, it was very difficult to get the Government's permission to sell land.

They argued that in this case, Venkatachala was the land owner and he had not taken permission from the Government to sell land. The complainant Nagesh did not confirm before whether Venkatachala had been granted permission to sell the land or not. Besides, under The Karnataka Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prohibition of Transfer of Certain Lands) Act, 1978 , it was not allowed to sell or lease land without the Government's permission. At the time of signing deed, no legal formality had been duly followed and both of them have entered into an ordinary agreement. This deal, according to the PTCL Act was an attempt to grab the land allotted to the oppressed community. Besides, it was false and baseless that Nagesh had given Rs. 6.5 lakh to Venkatachala. Since the agreements which were supposed to have been entered by both parties were not registered documents, the documents produced by Nagesh do not support his claim. They had appealed to the Court to dismiss petition.

Based on arguments and evidence produced by Venkatachala's counsel, Judge Sunil S. Hosmani dismissed the petition filed by Nagesh against Venkatachala and 10 others of his family saying that it was not tenable.

SC, ST Commission not empowered to act as Court: HC

Bengaluru, Dec. 26 (SSV)- The Karnataka High Court (HC) has said that the Karnataka Commission for the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) does not have the powers to take up the role of a Court or adjudicatory tribunal. This was stated while quashing an order passed by the Commission.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order recently while allowing a petition filed by M.B. Siddalingaswamy, a Superintendent in the Office of the Director of the Department of Pre-University Education.

Siddalingaswamy questioned the Commission's order dated Nov. 11, 2016, directing the State Government to accord retrospective seniority to K.R. Muralidhar with effect from Sept. 2012, and grant him all consequential monetary benefits, addition to correct date of entry into service of Superintendent in the seniority list.

However, Justice Nagaprasanna said that Sections 8 and 10 of the Karnataka State Commission for the SC and ST Act makes it "abundantly clear" that the Commission was not empowered to adjudicate on the rights of parties.

He quashed the Commission's order, saying, "The power vested with the Commission of inquiry and submission of a report cannot be extended to adjudicate all disputes between an individual and a State or a Statutory Authority. The powers conferred do not contemplate that the Commission can examine matters like a Civil Court and adjudicate dispute and pronounce either an interim or final decision, or issue a direction of the kind that is issued in the case on hand," the Judge said.

The Judge observed that the Commission cannot be construed to be a Tribunal or a Forum discharging functions of a judicial character or Court.

3-month-old baby among three killed in separate accidents

Chamarajanagar, Dec. 26 (SS &BCT)- Three persons including a three-month-old baby were killed in two separate accidents reported in Chamarajanagar district yesterday. Deaths occurred when two speeding cars turned turtle.

In the first incident occurred on Chamarajanagar-Mysuru Road, 50-year-old Yasin Wazir of Coimbatore district in Tamil Nadu and his three-month-old granddaughter Hina Fathima died and three other occupants of the car have been injured.

The second incident occurred at Kamagere in Hanur taluk where 35-year-old Shivakumar of Kamagere village was killed and his friend has been injured.

Family was attending a marriage

Yasin Wazir from Coimbatore, along with his family members, was proceeding to Chamarajanagar from Mysuru in Hyundai i10 car to attend a marriage. The car was being driven by Yasin and he was said to be over-speeding.

As the car reached Muttige village on Chamarajanagar-Mysuru Road near Bendaravadi, Yasin lost control over the vehicle and it turned turtle. Due to the impact of the accident, Yasin and his granddaughter Hina Fathima died on the spot while Yasin's wife Razia and the baby's mother Sanofer Nasreen have been injured. Another co-passenger Safeen too sustained injuries.

The injured have been rushed to Coimbatore after initial treatment at Chamarajanagar District Hospital. Dy.SP Priyadarshini, Chamarajanagar Town Police Station Sub-Inspector Mahesh visited the spot along with staff and conducted a mahazar.

Chamarajanagar Traffic Police have registered a case.

Hanur incident

In the second incident, Shivakumar from Kamagere village was proceeding from Kamagere to Hanur in his Swift car along with his friend Mahesh Kumar. Shivakumar was behind the wheels and he too was said to be over-speeding. As the car reached Hanur-Mangala village, Shivakumar lost control of the vehicle and the car turned topsy-turvy.

Shivakumar

Shivakumar died on the spot while Mahesh Kumar was seriously injured. Passers-by informed the Police and Mahesh Kumar was rushed to Kollegal Government Hospital where he was provided initial treatment. He was later shifted to Mysuru for further treatment. Hanur Police have registered a case.

Second phase of GP polls

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (RKB&DM)- Three taluks of the district — Mysuru, Nanjangud and T. Narasipur — are all set for the **second phase of Gram Panchayat (GP) polls scheduled to take place tomorrow (Dec. 27).**

The elections will be held only for 1,834 out of the 1,929 seats in a total of 102 GPs including 23 in Mysuru taluk, 43 in Nanjangud taluk and 36 in T. Narasipur taluk. No polls will be held for 95 seats collectively in the three taluks, as members for 82 seats have been elected unopposed, while there are nil nomination for 13 seats.

A total of 6,30,488 voters, including 1,63,657 in Mysuru taluk, 2,63,214 in Nanjangud and 2,03,617 in T. Narasipur taluk.

However, following the notification of setting up of Hootagalli CMC and four Town Panchayats, the State Government has dropped the elections to be held for the following 14 GPs in Mysuru taluk: Yelwal (12 seats with 28 members), Koorgalli (23 seats with 69 members), Hinkal (22 seats with 58 members), Belavadi (9 seats with 28 members), Rammanahalli (8 seats with 24 members), Devalapura (10 seats with 23 members), Hosahundi (8 seats with 24 members), Kadakola (9 seats with 25 members), Beerihundi-Mellahalli (9 seats with 21 members), Marattikyatanahalli (6 seats with 17 members), Bogadi (8 seats with 23 members), Hanchya (4 seats with 14 members), Alanahalli (11 seats with 35 members) and Srirampura (17 seats with 47 members).

The District Administration has set up 930 booths in the three taluks, which include 738 general booths, 182 auxiliary booths and ten other booths. Nanjangud has the highest number of polling booths with 386.

The voting to be held using ballot papers, will take place from 7 am to 5 pm tomorrow.

Five other taluks of the district — Hunsur, Periyapatna, K.R. Nagar, H.D. Kote and Saragur — went to the polls in the first phase of elections held on Dec. 22, which saw an average voter turnout of more than 80%.The counting of votes for both the phases will be held on Dec. 30.

Asthana Vidwan V. Nataraj no more

Mysuru, Dec. 26- Asthana Vidwan V. Nataraj, a renowned Dolu exponent and a resident of Kumbarageri in city, passed away on Thursday night. He was 83.

V. Nataraj

He is survived by five sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

A Palace Asthana Vidwan, V. Nataraj was conferred with an Honorary Doctorate. He had also served as the President of Savitha Nadabrahma Kalavidara Sangha for years. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Friday.

COVID Wordplay

IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

In modern times, apart from the World War years, there probably has never been so much global anticipation, anxiety and hope for a New Year as there is for the year 2021. Also, there has never been such urgency for a year to end as this year, 2020.

Everyone feared Y2K. The year 2000 was supposed to wreak economic havoc and take humanity down. Guess, we were off by two decades and it was not technology but our behaviour towards nature that brought about our gloom and doom. But have we humans, learnt our lesson? Not really.

We continue to care more about global economy than global warming. We still choose unhindered procreation over environmental consideration. So, yes, we humans continue to be on a path of self-destruction.

That said, the pandemic has indeed driven people to introspect and prioritise and like every year for most people, this year's New Year resolution has been about health. But a more appropriate resolution would be to remain **"un-infected"** till we get a dose of vaccine. In the meanwhile it seems we have got a heavy dose of vocabulary.

Earlier, **"Flattening the Curve"** meant reducing belly fat and **"Super Spreader"** was the nosey aunty who was the housing society's gossip monger. Today their usage is more commonly related to COVID.

In fact, we have had an overload of terms that rendered some of us dyslexic. Like, when **Hydroxychloroquine** was touted as the miracle cure for COVID, people in their excited state started calling it **"Hydroxy-cloroMINT",** like the popular post-smoking mouth freshener **Chlormint!**

As the virus progressed, so also our vocabulary. Words like **Pandemic, Lockdown, Self Quarantine, Social Distance, Asymptomatic** and **Comorbidity** became common parlance.

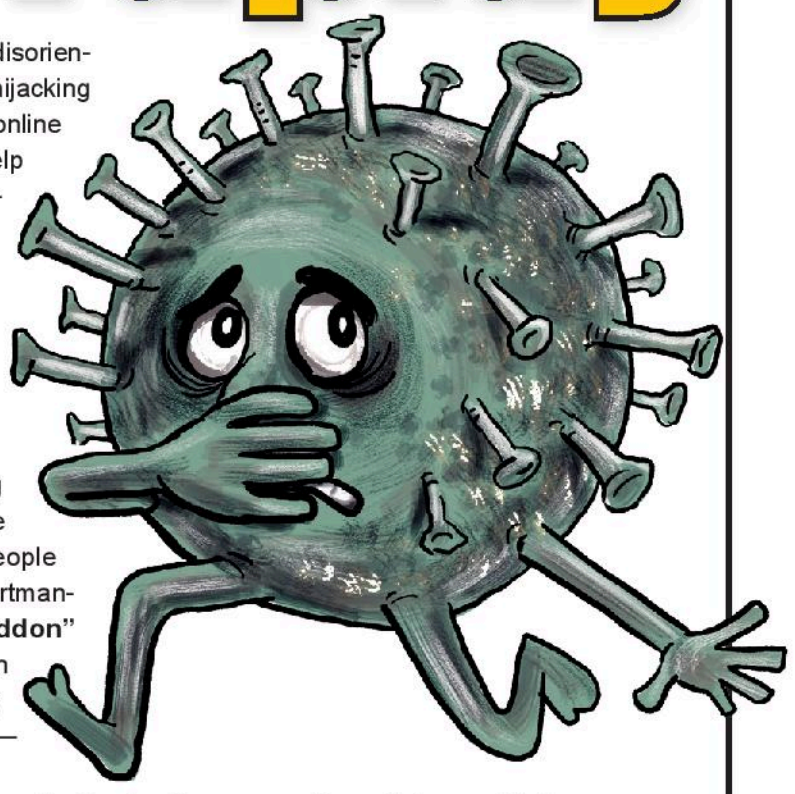
Then we got into abbreviations like **PPE** (Personal Protective Equipment), **RT-PCR** Test (Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction) and even **WFH** (Work From Home).

Later as people started breaking COVID guidelines, we got **"Covidiot"** (someone ignoring COVID guidelines), **"Maskhole"** (it rhymes with a certain profanity and used on a person who does not wear a mask putting others at risk) and **"COVIDEO Party"** (online parties via Zoom or Skype).

Soon the corporates gave us **"Blursday"** (an unspecified day because of lockdown's disorientating effect on time), **"Zoombombing"** (hijacking a Zoom videocall) and **"Quaranteams"** (online teams created during lockdown to help employees deal with changing work circumstances).

As lockdown continued, there was **"COVIDivorce"** (marriages broken during pandemic), **"Zumping"** (dumping someone over zoom call) and **"Coronials"** (sounds like Millennials, these are children born during the pandemic)

Then as news of vaccine began pouring in, posh people started dropping words like **"Efficacy"** and **"Profilactic."** Soon people started getting creative and gave us a portmanteau for the pandemic — **"Coronageddon"** (Corona + Armageddon). Oh! And how can we forget American President's derogatory contribution to pandemic vocabulary — **"KungFlu."**



We were even introduced to names of medical equipment which we otherwise did not use often such as **Ventilator, Nebuliser** and **Oximeter.**

Now thanks to these new introductions, I have got myself a care-taker who wakes me up with a mild wristy shake, no pun intended, it's just a watch that vibrates to wake the wearer up. More importantly, it has an oximeter!

This watch can even take an ECG by placing one's finger on its 'crown' and if an irregular rhythm is identified, an alert will go out to the user that they must proceed to get a check up.

This new smart watch by Apple Inc. has taken health issues to a whole new level of inspection. It tracks everything: One's heart, one's step, one's fall, one's oxygen level and even one's sleep. I'm sure soon, with all the talk of "gut health" the next version of the watch will be able to track one's poop interval, duration and intensity. It's all getting too intimate and invasive.

But as intimate and invasive as such fitness watches may seem, when used correctly and read with a pinch of salt, they do help to maintain good health.

Now speaking of heart health...A woman finds a magic lamp and rubs it. Immediately, a Genie appears and grants her three wishes.

Genie: *Woman, you have three wishes (being a sexist Genie he adds) ... but your husband will get ten times more than what you wish for.*

Woman: *Hmm… that's okay. I just care what I get, it does not matter that he gets more.*

Genie: *Okay then, what is your first wish?*

Woman: *I want to be the most beautiful woman in the world.*

Genie: *Granted. Also your husband is now ten times more handsome (trying to make her jealous he adds) ... women all over will go crazy for him.*

Woman: *That's okay, because I will be the most beautiful woman, so he won't look at them.*

Genie: *Really ! okay if you say so. Now, what's your second wish?*

Woman: *I want to be the richest woman in the world.*

Genie: *Granted. Also your husband is now ten times richer than you.*

Woman: *That's okay. What's mine is his and what's his is mine, it is all ours.*

Genie: *Really? okay, now ask your third and final wish foolish woman.*

Woman: *Okay. Dear Genie, please grant me a mild heart attack !*

Dear Readers, I wish you all a healthy and joyous year ahead.

Thank you for reading what I write and I hope, I have done my job of enlightening and entertaining you with my banter. And let us all pray that the virus is not as fickle as our State Government !

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New attractions beckon visitors to Mysuru Rail Museum

Life-size figurines of RPF Member and Sahayak (Porter) unveiled today

Mysuru, Dec. 26- The South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, which had installed a life-size sculpture of the celebrated cartoon character 'Common Man' created and immortalised by the illustrious cartoonist R.K. Laxman in the precincts of the renovated Rail Museum recently, has added two more new attractions.

Sujatha Singh, President, South Western Railway Women's Welfare Organisation (SWRWWO), Hubballi, today unveiled the life-size figurines of two of the most familiar faces in a Railway environment — Member of the Indian Railway Protection Force Services (earlier known as RPF) and the Sahayak (earlier known as Porter).

These new attractions in the Rail Museum will help visitors to get a sense of how these two distinctly different set of people have been significantly helping the Railways over the years.

It may be recalled, the Rail Museum, located opposite the CFTRI Main Gate on KRS Road, attracted a good number of tourists and visitors in October this year.

The Museum is open for public between 10 am and 5.30 pm every day except on Tuesdays. Entry ticket is priced at Rs. 50 for adults and Rs. 20 for children.

Kalika Agarwal, President, SWRWWO and other office-bearers of Women's Welfare Organisation of Mysuru Division, were present on this occasion.

Earlier in the day, A.K. Singh, General Manager, SWR, Hubballi, accompanied by Rahul Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), SWR, Mysuru Division, inspected Chamarajapuram Railway Station.

During the visit, the computerised Passenger Reservation System (PRS) installed in the Station for the benefit of rail-users was commissioned.

A.K. Singh also inspected Mysuru Railway Station and the pitline to take stock of the situation following the gradual resumption of passenger services from Mysuru. Senior officials of Mysuru Division were present during the inspection.

The PRS at Chamarajapuram Railway Station will operate from 10 am to 12 noon and 3 pm to 6 pm on all days except Sundays (10 am to 12 noon), according to a press release from Priya Shetty, Divisional Commercial Manager and Sr. PRO.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. Y/E.29/2020-21/11
Dated: 17-12-2020

The undersigned, on behalf of The President of India, invites E-Tenders from contractors having valid Class-I Electrical Licence for the following work:

Description of Work	Approx. Value
Provision / Replacement of existing energy meters with GSM based prepaid energy meters for outsiders / temporary power supply over Mysuru Division.	Rs. 37,88,202/-

Last date for submission of bids: Upto 11.00 Hrs. of 11-01-2021

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Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical)
PUB/219/AAS/PRB/SWR/2020-21 Mysuru

Tourists throng Dubare, Nisargadhama

Tourists standing in queue waiting for their chance for boating at Dubare this morning.

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Ratheesh, a resort owner in Dubare, told *Star of Mysore* that home stays, resorts in Pollibetta, Siddapura, in and around Madikeri, Kadagadalu and Suntikoppa are fully booked till Jan. 2, 2021.

"My resort is full till January first week and yesterday alone more than 2,000 people had food in my hotel," he said.

Yesterday, Dubare recorded a footfall of more than 2,500 people and there was heavy rush for boating. Today too till afternoon, there were over 3,000 people at Dubare. Here, boating or a visit to the elephant camp is held from 9 am to 11 and from 2.30 pm to 4 pm.

As there was huge rush for boating, people crossed the river by foot. Fortunately, the water currents were not strong and there was less water in River Cauvery.

Dubare Deputy Range Forest Officer (DRFO) Ranjan said that despite caution boards being put on the riverbanks warning tourists not to venture into waters, tourists violate the rules and risk their safety. They cross the river and proceed to the Dubare Elephant Camp to see over 31 elephants.

As the crowd was huge, there was heavy demand for 'still-water' rafting that takes tourists on a 30 to 40-minute ride. There were 18 boats this morning for rafting and each boat can carry six persons and a guide.

Larger crowds were found in the places of interest in the district, compared to normal days. Tourism activities have witnessed a sudden boom at Golden Temple in Tibetan Colony near Kushalnagar, Kaveri Nisargadhama, Irpu Falls, Abbe Falls, Raja's Seat, Talacauvery, Bhagamandala and Chelavara witnessed a huge crowd of tourists.

Kaveri Nisargadhama yesterday witnessed a crowd of 2,600 adults and 325 children. Harangi Dam witnessed a footfall of over 1,500 people.

The ushering in of tourists had its impact on the traffic movement. Madikeri especially witnessed frequent traffic congestion. Reports of traffic jams are also flowing in from South Kodagu where tourists are rushing to occupy the remaining home stays and resorts.

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Pages from History

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Splendour of ancient city Balligave in Shivamogga

Balligave Kedareshwara temple [Courtesy: Internet]

About ten years ago myself and my friends planned to visit some interesting places in Shivamogga town. It was also our desire to visit Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Shivamogga Kendra. We learnt that Balligave is very near and hence we visited Balligave and saw the temples described below.

Balligave is a city located in Shikaripura taluk of Shivamogga district. Balligave is now known as Belagami. It was known by different names in the ancient past such as Valligrama and Balirajadhani. Its ancient prosperity is attested to by more than one hundred and twenty inscriptions on stone and copper plates. One can also find the vestiges of parts of ancient temples such as pillars, broken sculptures and the like. All these broken parts of the various temples reminds any visitor regarding the ancient glory of this ancient city, Balligave.

Balligave has a mythological background also. The Pandavas of Mahabharata fame had established a temple for Panchalingas (five Sivalingas) at Balligave. From this it becomes clear that this place was a great Shaiva centre. Mythology also informs that it was the capital of the King Bali. This reminds us of the Deepavali festival and on one of these days people celebrate the worship of Balindra. Though he was a good King he had the vanity of being rich and hence Vishnu disguised in the form of a dwarf (vaman) pushed him to Patala (the lower world). Hence, it got the name Balipura.

Mythology further describes the glory of this place as evidenced by many inscriptions belonging to eleventh or twelfth centuries AD. It was the home of good people and was equal to Indra's Amaravathi, full of prosperity and contentment. It was also like Alakapuri. The Kings who ruled in Balligave were great patrons of literature. It was also famous for Bouddha establishments such as stupas and viharas. Balligave was famous for Panchamathas where education of students was the main goal. These five mathas (mutts) had appointed good teachers well-versed in Vedas, Upanishads, Sankhya, Yoga etc. That is the reason why students thronged the portals of these five mathas for education.

The mathas provided hostel facilities where boarding and lodging was given free to all students. The rulers provided all these facilities to attract good students and teachers well-versed in various ancient subjects. This reminds us of the famous Universities such as Nalanda, Vikramashila and others. The ancient mathas consisted of Agraharas, Brahmapuris and Ghatikas (institutions of higher learning). All these were patronised by the rulers of Balligave.

Balligave had attained eminence from the time of the rule of the Chalukyas of Badami (6th to 8th Century AD). Actually their feudatories ruled over Balligave. During the rule of King Tailapa of the same dynasty who ruled in the eleventh century AD, Kudamarasa was ruling here at Balligave.

Later it was included in the kingdom of the King Vikramaditya. Kalachuri Bijjala had appointed competent feudatories to look after the Balligave region.

Later because of the continuous wars between the Yadavas and the Hoysalas, the prominence of Balligave declined. It is said that Vishnuvardhana's queen Shantaladevi was born out of the grace of God Dharmeshwara. The names of the sculptures who built many temples are known to us from the names carved on the bottom of many of the sculptures. Dasoja and Chavana and others are well-known sculptors of the Hoysala temples and sculptures. Dasoja and Chavana belonged to Balligave. One of the huge inscriptions at the Hoysalesvara temple mention his name also.

Due to neglect and without any patronage, the fame of Balligave declined. Now it has become an ordinary village and only vestiges of temples of Nandikeshwara, Kusumeshwara, Malleshwara, Trilokeshwara, Jogeshwara, Goppayya's Basadi, Jayantiprabha Bauddha Vihara are in a dilapidated condition and attracts no visitors.

Now many people have built their houses here and have used the pillars for building their house, after breaking them into their required sizes. Thus the glorious temples at Balligave have practically disappeared.

However, there is some solace for art-lovers. Tripurantaka temple built in 1070 AD is a beautiful temple which contains sculptures of great beauty. This temple has two sanctums (garbhagrihas). Unfortunately, the part of the temples have fallen down. There are fine and intricately carved sculptures on their walls which are still remaining in parts. Specially, noteworthy are the stories of Panchatantra. Among them the stories of tortoise and swan, fight between ram and fox, crocodile and monkey are extremely fine.

There are many sculptures such as Lord Shiva dancing on elephant (Gajasuramardana), Kumara and Ganesha, the deities guarding the eight directions and others (Ashtadikpalakas). They are good examples for the Chalukya art.

The temple of Panchalingeshwara is a huge one and stands on a high pedestal. Some of the sculptures of this temple have been brought to the Government Museum in Bengaluru. They can be seen there now. Among them attractive sculptures are Narasimha, Tara Bhagavathi, four-faced Brahma, many Jain saints. Another notable sculpture is Gandabherunda. Unfortunately, this sculpture is broken.

Fortunately, the Kedareshwara temple is intact. This was built in eleventh century AD and has three sanctums (trikutachala). It is built on a platform of about three feet in height. It has three towers.

Very close to the temple is located Kodiyamatha. It was the seat of Kalamukha saints and was very famous during the periods of 10th - 13th centuries AD. Many inscriptions describe the greatness of this matha. This matha is still popular and one of the saints is adept in pointing out the calamities that are likely to place.

Thus, though dilapidated and partially destroyed, Balligave has remained famous because of its holy temples and rich sculptures.

Two-wheeler tycoon lands chopper in Chamarajanagar

Helicopter landing in Eco-Sensitive Zone riles up environmentalists; No violation, says Forest Officer

Venu Srinivasan, Chairman, TVS Group

Chamarajanagar, Dec. 26 (SS&BCT)-Industrialist and Chairman of TVS Group Venu Srinivasan has come to Chamarajanagar District and is camping at a coffee estate. He arrived in a helicopter on Thursday and he will be in station for two more days.

Srinivasan is the Chairman of TVS Group which includes Sundaram-Clayton Group and its subsidiary TVS Motor Company, India's third largest maker of two-wheelers. He is staying at Bedaguli, in the coffee estate owned by Emerald Haven Coffee Company. Bedaguli comes under Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Temple (BRT) Sanctuary and is a protected area. The estate is owned by Chennai-based Emerald Haven Estates Limited.

Srinivasan came to the coffee plantation in a helicopter and as the area is full of forest and thick growth, it was not possible for the chopper to land. Later, a temporary helipad was made in a private land at Bejjalupalya between Kolipalya and Punajanoor. After landing at Bejjalupalya, Srinivasan proceeded to the plantation by road.

However, the landing of a chopper has not gone lightly with environmentalists who alleged that the helicopter has landed in an Eco-Sensitive Zone and the landing area is very close to BRT Sanctuary. Environmentalists have questioned how the Forest Department gave permission for a chopper to land in an area that is a wildlife habitat.

They pointed out that in the past, Forest Department Officers had denied permission for the President's chopper to land in BRT Sanctuary. "When the President's security team sought permission for his chopper to land, the Department Officers denied permission saying that BRT Sanctuary was a sensitive area and the sound of chopper would disturb the wildlife. How can the Department grant permission now," they questioned.

CCF clarifies: However, Chamarajanagar Circle Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) Manoj Kumar told reporters that the estate owners wanted to land the chopper within the estate boundaries.

"We had denied permission as the estate comes in the Eco-Sensitive Zone and all such activities are prohibited. They have now landed the chopper at Bejjalupalya on a private land and it is an open area without any vegetation," he said.

Further, Manoj Kumar has clarified that the place where the chopper landed is outside the protected area and is not near the Eco-Sensitive Zone. "They have secured permission from the District Administration, Police and the Committee on Eco-Sensitive Zone," he clarified.

Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner Dr. M.R. Ravi said that requisite permission had been taken from the District Administration and the Police. The chopper has landed in a revenue land where a temporary helipad has been set up and not a forest area, he added.

Good response for 'Namma Mane - Namma Licence'

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (RK&SSV)- There has been a good response for 'Namma Mane- Namma Licence,' a single window kiosk set up by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) for giving building licence in one day.

Within a week of launching this scheme, 42 applications were received out of which building licence had been issued to 14 individuals. Rest 28 applicants had to pay prescribed fee in bank after which building permission would be issued, said Yagnendra, Assistant Director, City Planning Section, MUDA.

According to him, the MUDA would issue building licence for various site dimensions up to 50 ft. X 80 ft. on the same day if the applicants submit all documents on the same day.

After going through documents, they would be asked to pay fee in bank and afterwards licence would be issued on the spot, he added.

"Avail Department's help for prosperity"

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (RKB&SSV)- As much as 90 percent of vegetables grown in the district were sent to other States and remaining 10 percent was consumed by people here, said K. Rudresh, Deputy Director, Department of Horticulture, Mysuru district.

He was speaking at a function organised by Mahila Monthly Special Magazine at Rao Bahadur H.C. Javaraiah Auditorium in connection with National Farmers Day here on Wednesday.

Rudresh opined that innovation was possible if farmers get remunerative prices for their produces. In the wake of this, they must adopt modern technology to achieve economic growth.

"Our Department is always pro-farmer and we always work for them. Farmers must come forward to take assistance of our Department for good yield," he said. Mamatha Shashidhar, Senior Assistant Director and social workers Gayathri Panduji, Kavita Shirur, H.V. Subbarao and Mohan were present.

MCDCC Bank launches Bharat Bill Pay App

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (SBD&SSV)- Mysore and Chamarajanagar District Cooperative Central (MCDCC) Bank has released 'Bharat Bill Pay App' for the sake of customers here on Thursday.

G.D. Harish Gowda, Chairman of MCDCC Bank, released it at a function held here.

Vice-President Sadananda, Directors Chikkalli Kumar, Kuruhatti Mahesh, Kempanna, Ravi Periyapatna, Sunil, Amit Devar Hatti, Subbaiah, Nagaprasad, K.S. Kumar, Jairam and Narendra, Co-Operation Department Assistant Deputy Registrar Vijay Kumar, Chief Executive Officer Janardhan, General Manager Shasidhar, Manager Satish, Palaiah, Ravi and Venkatachala were present.

Bank customers can download Bharat Bill Pay app in their mobile phone and can pay electricity and water bill and tax online.

They can have information on transaction of their account and transfer money to other accounts with ease. The App would put the brakes on visiting various offices to clear the bills and save time. Since there is security for online transaction, the customers can use facilities with ease, the release said.

Crime Prevention Month

Lakshmipuram Police conduct public meeting

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (MK&KS)- As part of Crime Prevention Month being observed this month, Lakshmipuram Police held a public meeting at Sri Rama Mandira in Krishnamurthypuram here on Tuesday last, where the Cops created awareness on prevention of crimes.

Speaking on the occasion, Krishnaraja (KR) Sub-Division ACP Poornachandra Tejaswi said that the public has to take necessary precautions to prevent chain-snatching besides asking them to know about the steps to be taken during chain-snatching incidents.

Pointing out that girl students should be very careful while using social media, the ACP informed them about online cheating/ crimes besides providing information on Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) Helpline No. 112.

Lakshmipuram Inspector Venkatesh and staff were present during the public awareness meeting.

WORD OF THE DAY

Merrymaking

Pronunciation: mer-ee-mey-king.
Meaning: The act of taking part cheerfully or enthusiastically in some festive or merry celebration.

Origin: Merrymaking "participating in a festive occasion" comes from the verb merrymake, from the verb phrase to make merry. The adjective merry, which these days quickly calls to mind the winter holidays, dates from Old English. Interestingly, the well-known Christmas carol *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* dates from the 16th century, if not earlier, and its first line (notice the position of the comma) originally meant *"God keep you joyful, Gentlemen."* During the 18th century, the transitive sense of the verb rest "to keep, preserve" became obsolete, and rest acquired the transitive sense "to grant rest to," which required a change of punctuation to *"God rest you, Merry Gentlemen."* Merrymaking entered English in the first half of the 17th century.
Example: He walked briskly back to his hole, and stood for a moment listening with a smile to the din in the pavilion, and to the sounds of merrymaking in other parts of the field. — J. R. R. Tolkien, The Fellowship of The Ring, 1954.

THE ODD WORD

Macropterous

Having large wings or fins.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Making a scene

Meaning: If a person makes a scene, they behave in such a way that it disturbs the public. In other words, they draw undue attention to themselves by being dramatic.
Origin: The phrase make a scene might have its origin in theatre. The reason is because in a theatre, comedic, dramatic, and other sorts of scenes are performed on a stage. These performances draw the attention of the audience. Thus, if someone is being dramatic and drawing unnecessary attention to themselves, it might be said that they are "making a scene" because it's as if they are an actor on stage in a theatrical performance.
Now, how old is this phrase? Well, the earliest I have seen this expression with its modern wording is in a book from 1825. A part from this book reads: "When the company reached the dining-room, each placed himself at table where he chose, and the master and mistress of the house easily found means, without making a scene, to induce the four most distinguished women in company to sit by them."

QUOTE BOX

In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years. **—Abraham Lincoln**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: The customer is always right.

SUDOKU

		7				8		
6								9
	9		2		3		5	
3	6		4		8		9	7
1	8		5		6		3	2
	2		8		9		1	
8								5
		1				6		

Answer to previous puzzle

3	7	8	1	9	4	5	6	2
2	9	6	3	5	7	4	1	8
4	5	1	8	6	2	7	3	9
9	4	7	2	8	1	3	5	6
6	2	3	5	7	9	1	8	4
8	1	5	6	4	3	2	9	7
1	6	9	7	2	5	8	4	3
7	3	4	9	1	8	6	2	5
5	8	2	4	3	6	9	7	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 A particular period of time
4 TV World News Service
7 Airlines Electronic Engineering Comm.
11 The Big Apple
12 "Rockaria!" band
13 Singer Simone
14 Against the current
17 Fall in drops
18 Happened or occurred
20 Once more
22 Mexican pancake
23 Catch
24 Horse controls
27 Motorless plane
31 Small whirlpools
33 Range
34 Singing syllable
35 A monster - "I gal" anagram?
37 Buenos ____ : Argentina's capital city
39 A trifling fault, foible
42 Exploding sun
43 Sacks, devastates or plunters
46 New World abbr. - "Ream" anagram?
47 Latin sun
48 Outer as a prefix ?
49 Means of release
50 Curvy letter by the sound of it?
51 Not old, recent

DOWN
1 Music director Malik
2 Swindle or cheat
3 Jubilant
4 Auxiliary verb
5 Blow up
6 Equate or liken
7 iOS competitor
8 Dublin is its capital
9 Author __ Blyton
10 Head covering
15 Three as a prefix
16 Dealt in illegally, such as arms or liquor
19 Made cooler
20 Director __ Lee
21 Hardens or sets
25 Main component of air
26 Old and withered for the poet
28 Canine transport vehicle, should we say?
29 Heroic tale
30 Deteriorate
32 Stockholm flier
36 Farewell
37 Everybody
38 ___ Arun : Bollywood singer?
39 A fleshy fruit with a core - "poem" anagram?
40 Avenged
41 Misfortunes
42 Net asset value, abbr.
44 English river sounding like the mystery letter?
45 Female pig

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

O	O	H			S	P	A		T	B	A	
S	H	O	P		I	R	A		E	L	M	S
E	M	B	L	A	Z	O	N		L	O	O	T
			A	S	E			L	U	C	I	D
O	B	E	Y	S		D	R	U	G			
A	R	M	S			R	O	G	U	E	S	
K	I	M			W	E	T			S	E	A
	N	A	P	P	E	D			O	P	T	S
			A	V	I	D		L	O	Y	A	L
S	H	I	R	R			F	E	Z			
K	A	L	I		F	M	I	N	E	N	C	E
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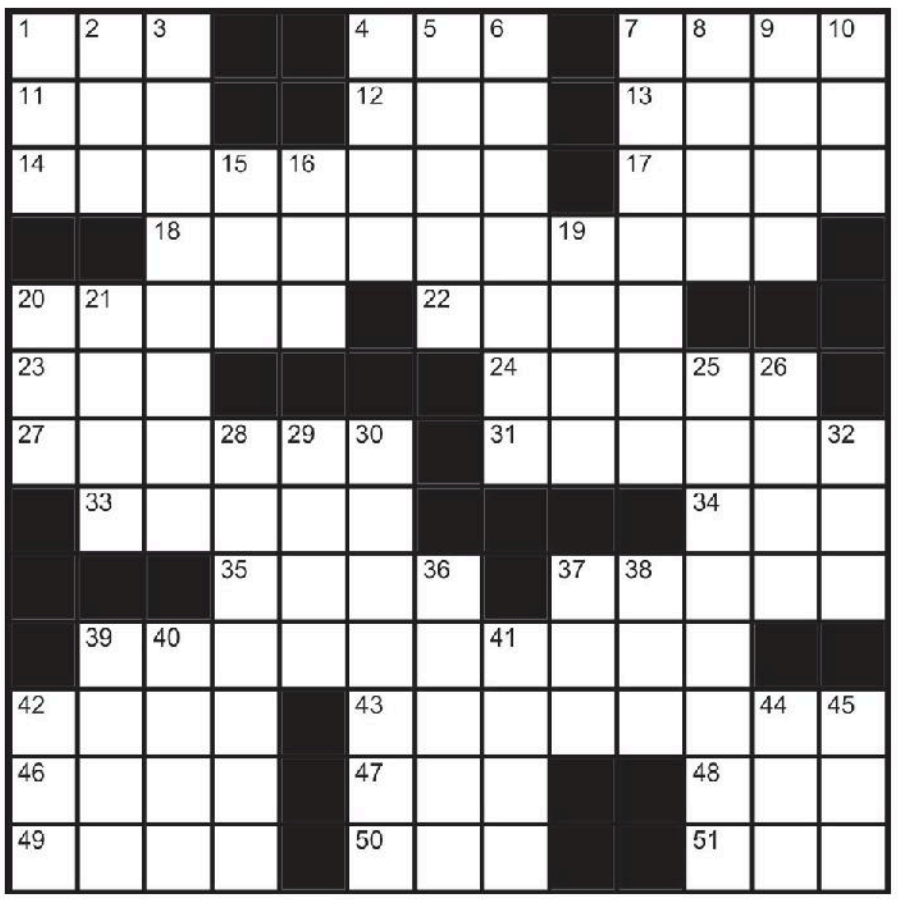

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

SOYG FYLFUY WBUI, UPRWYG MLHFUYWYUX.

HLRW FYLFUY GYAYC UPRWYG.

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered; the point is to discover them.

Moonlight Music on Dec. 30

Vid. Anil Srinivasan

Pt. Pravin Godkhindi

As part of the Monthly Moonlight Music Programme, Digital Jugalbandi between Vid. Anil Srinivasan (Piano) and Pt. Pravin Godkhindi (Flute) has been organised at Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill here at 6 pm on Dec. 30. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. The duo will be accompanied by Pt. Ravindra Yavagal on tabla.

Due to pandemic, this monthly moonlight music will be held online — *https://www.youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline* OR *https://www.facebook.com/JSSMVP/* OR *http://jssonline.org/.*

Profile: Recipient of coveted Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for creative and experimental music from Sangeet Natak Akademi in 2010, Vid. Anil Srinivasan is now, in association with Rhapsody – Education Through Music, working with schools to teach music to children. He has written extensively on music for several dailies including.

He was recently awarded the Educator Extraordinaire citation from Rotary International, the Aspen Global Fellowship for Social Change and the Ken Hobbs Citation for Social Responsibility. Currently he is working in KREA University, Hyderabad, as an Assistant Professor.

Born in a family of musicians, Pt. Pravin Godkhindi is a BE graduate who began learning music from his father Pt. Venkatesh Godkhindi and later from Vid. Anoor Ananthakrishna Sharma. This top grade artiste in AIR is the first Indian to represent Bansuri at the World Flute Festival in Argentina. He has been bestowed with titles such as *Sur Mani, Nada Nidhi, Sur Saamrat, Kalaa Praveena* and has performed all over the globe with great legends.

Veteran percussionist Pt. Ravindra Yavagal was initiated into music by his father late Ramachandra Yavagal who then continued his training under the tutelage of Veeranna Kamkar and Pt. Sheshagiri Hanagal and is a disciple of the legendary tabla maestro Ustad Ahmed Jan Thirakhwa.

A top ranking artiste of All India Radio, he is one of the most sought after tabla players of the country today. He is the recipient of various awards including *Rajyotsava Award, Nada Nidhi, Kala Chetana, Sangeeta Kala Tapaswi* and *Tabla Vaadana Vaaridhi.*

Vishnu, SPB, Rajan-Nagendra
Memorial Musical Evening tomorrow

Vishnuvardhan

Balasubrahmanyam

Rajan-Nagendra

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (MTY&SD) - Several organisations have come together to pay homage to movie legends through music by organising a Musical Evening in memory of Kannada cine star Dr. Vishnuvardhan, gifted singer Dr. S.P. Balasubrahmanyam (SPB) and well-known music directors Rajan-Nagendra.

The Musical Evening will be held at Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall in Krishnamurthypuram tomorrow (Dec. 27) from 5.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan on Thursday, Founder of Pathi Foundation M.D. Parthasarathy said, Pathi Foundation in association with production team of upcoming feature film *'Nanna Hesaru Kishor – 7 pass 8'*, Jeevadhara Blood Bank and Parisara Snehi Tanda has organised this musical evening where young talented singers will render hits of these legendary personalities.

MLAs G.T. Devegowda and L. Nagendra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, City BJP President Srivatsa and Mayor Tasneem will be the chief guests. Achievers in various fields including Shankara Narayana Shastri (Religious Service), Jaggappa (Art), N.M. Naveen Kumar (Social Service), Nazarbad Nataraj (Social Service), B. Doreswamy (Theatre), Maheshwaran (Print Media), K.P. Nagaraj (Visual Media), Mahendra Singh Kalappa (Social Service), Muthanna (Health Service), Suresh Babu (Health Service) and Dasharath (Social Service) will be felicitated on this occasion.

Jeevadhara Blood Bank Director Girish, KMPK Charitable Trust President Vikram Iyengar and Parisara Snehi Tanda President D. Lohit were present.

Now SHOWING - MOVIES

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Vanguard (E)	2 Shows - 4.30 pm, 7.30 pm

Balaji Theatre Ph: 2497199

Shakeela (H)	3 Shows

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Wonder Women - 1984 (E)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 4.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am, 6.50 pm
Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)	(S-1)	7.30 pm; (S-2) 11.10 am
	(S-3)	4.00 pm; (S-4) 1.45 pm
Bow Bow (K)	(S-2)	1.55 pm
Shakeela (H)	(S-2)	4.30 pm, 7.10 pm
Vanguard (E)	(S-3)	11.15 am, 6.30 pm
Avanalli Ivalilli (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Murder (Te)	(S-3)	8.40 pm
Act 1978 (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Wonder Women - 1984 (E)	(S-4)	10.00 am
	(S-1)	10.45 am, 2.15 pm
		5.45 pm
	(S-2)	11.30 am, 3.00 pm
		6.30 pm
Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)	(S-3)	10.15 am, 1.10 pm
		7.00 pm
Vanguard (E)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Avanalli Ivalilli (K)	(S-4)	4.30 pm
Shakeela (H)	(S-4)	7.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 26)

- **Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari - Mysuru Branch:** Gita Jayanti and Swami Vivekananda Jayanti celebrations, *Viveka Sinchana* - Cultural competitions, patriotic and folk songs recital, Kendra premises, 'Meru,' 1st Main, Pampapati Road, Jayanagar, **4 pm.**
- **Social Justice Forum (SJF) and Sri Chamundeshwari Geleyara Pragatipara Seva Pratishtana:** Book release —senior Advocate O. Sham Bhat's *'Benkiya Chendu Kuili'* — by retd. IPS Officer Annamalai, Karnataka Sahitya Academy Chairman Dr. B.V. Vasanth Kumar speaks about the book, MP A. Narayanaswamy presides, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishanmurthypuram, **4.30 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust**: Online vocal concert by Vidu. Archana L. Rao, accompanied by Vid. Prithvi Bhaskar on violin, Vid. M.S. Jayaram on mridanga and Vid. Raghunandan Rao on ghata, Facebook: *https://www.facebook.com/stssct/*; YouTube: *https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5duKEUSvk8XXBra6TWQnSA*, **5 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 27)

- **Sri Panchamukhi Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Irwin Road:** 20th Hanuma Jayanti Mahotsava, *Panchamruta Abhisheka,* special decoration, pujas and homas, **9 am;** Music Programme — recital of Bhaktigeete, Bhavageete, Sugama Sangeeta — by A. Kantharaju and troupe, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru Sahitya mattu Samskrutika Pratishtana:** Releasing of Books — D. Manjunath's 'Megha Mandara,' B. Dileep Saalanke's 'Vachana Chintamani,' C. Vani Raghavendra's 'Aake! Sujatha' — and Award Presentation, writer Dr. Anasuya S. Kempanahalli inaugurates and releases the books, Pratishtana President M.B. Santosh presides, Ideal Jawa Rotary School, JLB Road, **10 am.**
- **Gruha Shobhe:** International Living Style Exhibition, special attraction - Ayodhya Ram Mandir, Dasara Exhibition Ground, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari - Mysuru Branch:** Gita Jayanti and Swami Vivekananda Jayanti celebrations, *Viveka Sinchana* - Cultural competitions for School and College students in different categories, *Devaranama* recital, Kendra premises, 'Meru,' 1st Main, Pampapati Road, Jayanagar, **4 pm.**
- **Karavali Yakshagana Kendra, Mysuru and Karnataka Yakshagana Academy, Bengaluru:** Inauguration of Yakshagana Dance Classes by Akashvani Mysuru Programme Executive and Yakshagana Academy Member Diwakar Hegde, Kendra President K. Krishnakumaracharya presides, Sri Krishna Dhama, Sahukar Chennaiah Road, Saraswathipuram, **4 pm.**
- **Hoysala Kannada Sangha and Savigannada Patrika Balaga:** State-level Hoysala Awards presentation by retired DRDO Officer K. Jayaprakash Rao, Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji graces the occasion, D. Devaraja Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Chairman R. Raghu Kautilya inaugurates, Agricultural scientist Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimakapura releases the 18th anniversary special issue of *Savigannada Patrike*, Sangha President Maddikere Gopal presides, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm.**
- **Vipra Jagruti Vedike:** 2021 calendar release, Avani Sringeri Shankar Mutt, Vidyaranyapuram, **6 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play *Andha Yuga* (written by Dharamvir Bharati, directed by Mandya Ramesh), School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

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